



Sport and Recreation

With increasing demand for facilities, the community would like a new district sports and recreation facility with a 50m pool, indoor courts, and gym facilities, along with upgrades to existing sporting facilities, reserves and ancillary infrastructure.

The City has committed to the following actions in its Council Plan 2024-2034:

- Finalise a review of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy and progress identified priorities.
- Identify a site for a new multi-sports district sport and recreation facility and undertake feasibility analysis to confirm the scope, cost and funding sources for construction and operation.

Current Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Priorities

The following projects are anticipated to be progressed over the coming 4 years subject to funding.



Geographe Leisure Centre (GLC)

- The GLC is one of the main recreational precincts in the City of Busselton
- There are almost 500,000 visits to the GLC each year
- Due to the age and condition of the current facility and severely constrained location (environmentally sensitive area) it is not viable to expand the existing facility
- The City is exploring options for a new GLC facility on a new site, inclusive of aquatic facilities and associated facilities. This includes a 50m pool, health club and courts (basketball and indoor sports)
- A centrally located site, most likely in the Vasse area, will be needed to ensure the facility is accessible to all community members and to avoid duplication of facilities in Busselton and Dunsborough
- This is a major project that is likely to be delivered over a 10 year timeframe
- Estimated costs \$107 million but the total investment could reach \$150 million in the expected timeframe
- The following estimated financial commitment will be required over the next 4 years to progress this work, in addition to putting money into reserves to help pay for construction.

Year	Task	Cost
2024/25	Site Selection	\$250,000
2025/26	Site Purchase	\$5 million
2025/26	Design and Business case	\$2 million



Due to the significant investment required for the GLC, the City has been required to adjust its other investments into sport and recreation. The following projects are currently planned over the next 4 years:

Squash Club Co-Location

- Proposal to co-locate the Squash Club with the Busselton Tennis Club
- New squash courts to be constructed with sharing of existing tennis club facilities
- Estimated cost of \$1m to be delivered in 2025-2026

Vasse Pavilion

- Proposal to construct a new pavilion with club social space and change rooms
- Estimated cost of \$5 million to be delivered in 2026-2027

Long Range (currently unplanned) Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Requirements

The following infrastructure is also required, but the City will not have the ability to allocate funding to these in the next 10 years due to its commitments to the priorities above.

Sir Stewart Bovell Sports Park

- 2021 masterplan and summary report that enables staged construction of the proposed upgrade works for the Sir Stewart Bovell Sports Park Precinct
- Proposed masterplans included estimated high-level costing of between \$22 and \$33 million (2021 costs) that creates a multi-sport club hub for a range of shared sporting services within one combined location under a single management arrangement

Sues Road Outdoor Sporting Precinct

- The City purchased a 465 hectare site on Sues Road/Bussell Highway to potentially accommodate the kinds of sports which have proven hard to locate for several decades, such as pistol and clay target shooting, motorcross and go-karts, cycling and archery and bow sports
- It is hoped this will meet future demands for the City and the South West as a whole
- The site was funded from the sale of 136 hectares of land in Ambergate
- The site is being leased back from the City by Tronox who will progressively rehabilitate the site in accordance with the City's future uses in the years to come
- Estimated cost of \$500K is required to undertake master planning for this site

Dunsborough Sports Ovals

- It is proposed to construct fit for purpose infrastructure for SWFL games
- This development would include a new pavilion, change rooms, ticketing box and reconfigured ovals
- Estimated cost of \$10-15 million will be required

